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PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of July 2, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time for a response by three months. With the extension, the response is due on or before January 2, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 18-0586.

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